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GPO'S PHILADELPHIA BOOKSTORE TO CLOSE

The U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) plans to close its Philadelphia bookstore to the public permanently on September 14, 2001. The bookstore is located in the Robert Morris Building at 100 North 17th Street.

The bookstore will be closed due to significantly reduced sales resulting primarily from the public's increased ability to access Government publications free of charge over the Internet, including most prominently the more than 200,000 Government titles currently available on the GPO's own Web site, **GPO Access** www.gpo.gov. With declining book sales nationwide, GPO is making changes in its sales program, including its other 20 bookstores. Earlier this year, GPO closed its San Francisco and Boston bookstores and one of its three stores in the Washington, DC, area. Other closings are under consideration.

The closing of the Philadelphia bookstore will not deprive residents in the Philadelphia area of access to U.S. Government publications. Those wishing to buy Government books can link to the U.S. Government Online Bookstore at <http://bookstore.gpo.gov>. The Online Bookstore's Sales Product Catalog includes all titles available for sale and can be searched by publication title, subject, or keywords. All available titles can be ordered securely online using Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover/Novus credit cards. U.S. Government books can also be ordered toll free by telephone from 866-512-1800, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern time; by fax from 202-512-2250; or by mail from Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954.

Philadelphia area residents can also continue to locate and use U.S. Government books as well as online Government information free of charge in any of their local Federal depository libraries open to the public. In the Philadelphia/Camden area, these Federal depository collections are located at:

Free Library of Philadelphia
1901 Vine Street
Philadelphia
215-686-5330

Saint Joseph's University
Francis A. Drexel Library
5600 City Avenue
Philadelphia
610-660-1904

Temple University
Paley Library
1210 West Berks Street
Philadelphia
215-204-8212

Temple University
School of Law Library
1719 North Broad Street
Philadelphia
215-204-7891

University of Pennsylvania
Van Pelt-Dietrich Library Center
3420 Walnut Street
Philadelphia
215-898-7555

University of Pennsylvania
Biddle Law Library
3443 Sansom Street
Philadelphia
215-898-7853

Swarthmore College
McCabe Library
500 College Avenue
Swarthmore
610-328-8477

Villanova University
Law School Library
299 North Spring Mill Road
Villanova
610-519-7020

Rutgers University, Camden
Paul Robeson Library
300 North 4th Street
Camden
856-225-6034

Rutgers University, Camden
Law School Library
217 North 5th Street
Camden
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